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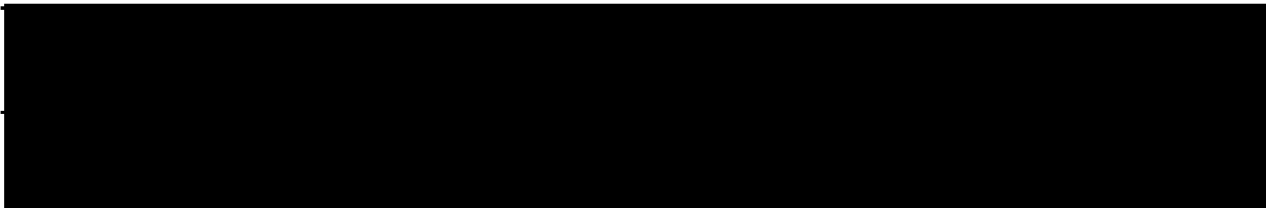
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1. Leaders of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) are waiting for instructions from abroad before issuing any resolutions with respect to the stand of the PCCh towards the sterner attitude which the Chilean Government has adopted towards Communism. PCCh leaders are disconcerted by announcements from Moscow relative to the release of the 15 physicians who were condemned for crimes against the Soviet state. Moreover, they are confused by the press notices relating to the travel of Maurice THOREZ, French Communist leader, who returned from Moscow accompanied by a Secretary of the French Embassy in Moscow. The speculation in Chilean Communist circles is that THOREZ is in difficulty with the Kremlin. These events, plus the recent changes in President IBANEZ' cabinet, have stalled the activities of the PCCh, with the result that no resolutions regarding future political tactics will be forthcoming until the Party line is firmly established in instructions from abroad.
2. The PCCh was unprepared for the recent changes in IBANEZ' cabinet, and it is feared that Osvaldo KOCH, who replaced fellow-traveller Guillermo del PEDREGAL, as Minister of Interior, is likely to be unsympathetic to the Communist cause. There was even talk in Communist circles that the Continental Cultural Congress would not be held from 26 April to 2 May..

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